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SENTENCING
ALBANY CITY COMMISSIONER HENRY MATHIS

Albany: Acting United States Attorney G.F. Peterman, III announces the sentencing of **HENRY MATHIS**, Albany City Commissioner.

The Honorable W. Louis Sands, District Judge, Middle District of Georgia sentenced **MATHIS** to thirty-six (36) months imprisonment on each count, to be served concurrently, followed by thirty-six (36) months of supervised release, and **MATHIS** was ordered to pay \$3,350.00 restitution.

MATHIS was found guilty on all four counts of the Indictment charging the suspended Commissioner with three Hobbs Act violations (extortion) and one count of engaging in misleading conduct with intent to prevent the communication of information relating to a federal offense (lying to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation) after a five day jury trial and a two hour jury deliberation.

The evidence at trial maintained that **MATHIS** extorted money from businessman Joe McDonald after assisting him in obtaining a beer license for the O.R.M. Paradise Club in Albany, Georgia. When questioned about this transaction by agents of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, **MATHIS** denied ever receiving any money from either McDonald or the club.

Further testimony at trial showed **MATHIS** likewise extorted and attempted to extort money from Dora Wilson and James Hadley in connection with a trucking/waste disposal contract with the City of Albany, Georgia which would be beneficial to Southwest Carting, Inc., a company in which Wilson was a principal and for which Hadley served as manager.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Mike Hill and the case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Alan Dasher.

Questions concerning this matter should be directed to Sue McKinney, Public Affairs Specialist, United States Attorneys Office, at (478) 621-2602.

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